

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the current application. Claim 1 is an independent claim.

35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) Toman, Reimers and White

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Toman in view of Reimers and White. Applicant respectfully traverses this art grounds of rejection.

Toman is directed to an interactive brake system for an electric riding mower. Reimer is directed to an electric drive mower with a motor generator set. Initially, the Applicant agrees with the Examiner in that Toman and Reimer collectively “do not disclose a trailer having a second electrical power source” (page 2 of the Office Action).

The Examiner seeks to combine the teachings of White with Toman and Reimers in order to overcome this particular deficiency.

White discloses an electric automobile. White discloses that a “trailer unit 35, which carries the gas turbine 37 and the direct current generator 39, is removably connected to the automobile frame 11 by a conventional trailer hitch 55” (column 5, lines 15-18). White is directed to exclusively hauling a DC generator on a trailer attached to a car in order to charge batteries within the mainframe of the car. Thus, the combination of Toman, Reimers and White cannot disclose or suggest “a second electrical power source, the second electrical power source not including a motor/generator set which charges the first electrical power source” as recited in independent claim 1.

As such, claims 2-13, dependent upon independent claim 1, are likewise allowable over Toman, Reimers and White at least for the reasons given above with respect to independent claim 1.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this art grounds of rejection.

Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-13 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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